

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2012

Present

Bob Appleby  
Dave Kennedy  
Peter Lee  
Timothy Allen  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Al Giansanti  
Jim Burke  
Rich Cirillo  
Pam Henry

Guests

Chris Pugliese  
Donald Bourdeau

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

S. Spang introduced new member Timothy Allen.

**1. MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Spang/Kennedy) to approve the December 19, 2011 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In Favor-Appleby, Kennedy, Spang. Opposed-None. Abstaining-Allen, Lee.**

**M/S/C (Lee/Appleby) to approve the February 27, 2012 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In Favor-Lee, Kennedy, Spang. Opposed-None. Abstaining-Allen, Appleby.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Chris Pugliese updated the Commission on the basketball program.

For the summer, he will run an evening camp (grades K through 4) and an evening recreation basketball program (grades 5 through 8). Volunteers would be needed to help with the programs, including a female. It is possible that older students might be able to use work hours towards community service.

C. Pugliese asked the Commission if outdoor basketballs could be purchased. S. Spang stated that purchasing the balls would not be a problem.

C. Pugliese inquired if the Commission financially helps children of residents so that a child could attend a camp that might not be able too. S. Spang informed C. Pugliese he may use the Recreation Basketball account as he sees fit as baseball and soccer programs do.

S. Spang will also speak with a representative from Bozrah to ask if they are interesting in having scrimmages with Salem during the winter Recreation Basketball program.

b. Eagle Scout Project

Scout Pratik Ubba informed the Commission of his Eagle Scout project on the multi-purpose path. He would like to mark the trail with three colored and numbered markers on trees. The markers would be appointed with a GPS system. Brush and rocks will be cleared from the path; the bridge from the loop to the main trail will be repaired. Rough surfaces will be smoothed out.

A metal bench with a back will be added on the trail, the Recreation Commission will purchase the bench. B. Appleby recommended an inquiry to Jaypro Sports be made for the bench.

The estimated expense of the project is: \$600.00 for the bench; \$100.00 for the markers; \$50.00 for materials = \$750.00.

**M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve the amount not to exceed \$900.00 for the Pratik Ubba's Eagle Scout project. Vote: Approved. In-favor: Allen, Appleby, Kennedy, Lee, Spang. Opposed: None. Abstaining: None.**

c. Don Bourdeau reported the batting cage had been repaired. The town crew is working on the baseball fields to get them ready for the season. Opening day is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

B. Appleby is meeting with a representative to discuss organic fertilizer for the fields.

D. Bourdeau suggested the Commission have a written maintenance plan/guidelines for field use established. This will help with answers to questions that users of the fields might have.

There has been an issue with the volleyball/basketball adult games at the school gym. Closing time for the use of the gym is 9:00pm. Residents have been staying past the allotted time even after they have been asked to leave by the evening janitors. S. Spang will contact the residents in charge of the programs and remind them of the 7:00pm to 9:00pm timeframe.

The ceiling in the gym was damaged by one of the league programs. S. Spang asked that if damage is done in the future, please report it right away.

Discussion took place on the possibility in the fall of work to start on the parking lot at Round Hill Road. The walkway from the town hall parking lot to the lower lot by the tennis courts could be started.

The water will be turned on in a week or so at the RHR complex; picnic table will be put out.

#### 4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

No Additions or Revisions

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Town Tag Sale**

Discussion took place about holding a Town Wide Tag Sale in May or June. Spaces will be available at the pavilion for rent and maps will be available for residents to put their address on for a fee.

D. Weston will start to work on the event.

### **b. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported summer programs are being worked on.

October 6 will be the "Day on Your Own" New York City bus trip. Seats will be \$40.00 for residents and \$45.00 for non-residents.

The AARP Safe Driving Course will be held on April 23, 2012 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company.

Possibly programs for the future are the Red Cross Babysitting Course and a yoga class.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Forsyth Road**

B. Appleby reported the electric needs to be hooked up from to the shed from CL&P.

One of the soccer fields will be closed down for the summer so the grass can rejuvenate. B. Appleby will purchase signs to put in the middle of the field so residents will not use the field. This expense will be reimbursed by the Recreation Commission.

### **b. Baseball**

Opening day will be April 21 with a rain date for April 22. D. Kennedy reported there are 7 teams for t-ball; 4 teams for rookie; 3 teams for Minor and Major. Babe Ruth participants will combine with Colchester this year and their home field will be in Salem.

### **c. Soccer**

B. Appleby reported registration has started. There is new logo for Salem. New uniforms have been purchased for the teams. The website has been updated.

### **d. Basketball – Previously discussed.**

### **e. Tennis**

The nets have been installed early due to the mild weather.

### **f. Multi-purpose Path**

DEEP permits are ready to be submitted plans for the 3 bridge crossings.

S. Spang informed the Commission the loop will be connected to the school.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion took place regarding the signs that will be ordered for the Forsyth Road complex. B. Appleby thought a 3' x 5' sign for "Volunteer Park" would be big enough. He will also get another bid on the sign to compare pricing from Burke Enterprises. S. Spang will relay this information to Kevin Lyden.

S. Spang reminded the Commission members that Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Finance Commission meeting concerning budget and capital budget items.

The public hearing will be on April 12.

Recreation Commission support is needed at these meetings.

## **8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Programs for Sunday at the school for the following winter

Discussion took place for possible programs for dodge ball and or whiffle ball. S. Spang asked members to think of other ideas.

- b. Commission regulations for maintenance plan/guidelines for fields.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm. Vote: approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary.